

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
AVERAGE WHOLESAL PRICE
LITIGATION

MDL 1456

Master File No. 01-CV-12257-PBS

Judge Patti B. Saris

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Rice v. Abbott Laboratories, et al., N.D.
Cal. Case No. C 02-3925 MJJ

Thompson v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.,
N.D. Cal. Case No. C 02-4450 MJJ

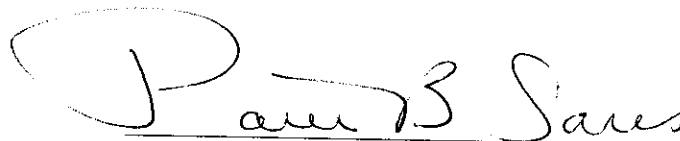
SCHEDULING ORDER FOR MOTIONS TO DISMISS FILED ON JULY 18, 2003

Having considered John Rice and Constance Thompson's joint Ex Parte Motion to Coordinate the Briefing Schedule of the Motions to Dismiss filed on July 18, 2003, and for good cause showing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

In the event the Court denies the motion to remand filed by Plaintiffs John Rice and Constance Thompson, currently set for hearing on October 9, 2003, Rice and Thompson shall serve and file their opposition to the motions to dismiss filed on July 8, 2003 within 4 days after notice of the Court's denial of the remand motion.

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DATED: August __, 2003



Patti B. Saris,
United States District Judge